

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION

JASON HELTON, #218 998,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2:17-CV-439-MHT
	)	[WO]
DERRICK CARTER,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Jason Helton, a state inmate, initiated this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action by signing a document, which the court construed as his complaint, alleging denial of a mattress while at the Bullock Correctional Facility. However, Helton did not file the \$350 filing fee and \$50 administrative fee applicable when a plaintiff is not proceeding *in forma pauperis*, nor did he submit an original affidavit in support of a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* accompanied by the required documentation from the inmate account clerk. Thus, the court did not have the financial information necessary to determine whether Helton should be allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Accordingly, on July 11, 2017, the court entered an order requiring that on or before July 25, 2017, Helton either pay the applicable fees or provide the court with the necessary financial information. Doc. No. 4 at 1-2. The court specifically cautioned Helton that failure to comply with this order would result in a recommendation this case be dismissed. Doc. No. 4 at 2.

The time to respond to the court's July 11, 2017, order has expired and Helton has filed nothing in response. The court therefore concludes that this case is due to be dismissed. *See Moon v. Newsome*, 863 F.2d 835, 837 (11th Cir. 1989) (holding that, as a general rule, where a litigant has been forewarned, dismissal for failure to obey a court order is not an abuse of discretion).

Accordingly, it is the RECOMMENDATION of the Magistrate Judge this case be dismissed without prejudice for Plaintiff's failure to submit the requisite fees or file the necessary financial information as required by order of this court.

It is further

ORDERED that **on or before August 25, 2017**, Plaintiff may file an objection to the Recommendation. Any objection filed must specifically identify the findings in the Magistrate Judge's Recommendation to which Plaintiff objects. Frivolous, conclusive or general objections will not be considered by the District Court. Plaintiff is advised this Recommendation is not a final order of the court and, therefore, it is not appealable.

Failure to file a written objection to the proposed findings and recommendations in the Magistrate Judge's report shall bar a party from a *de novo* determination by the District Court of factual findings and legal issues covered in the report and shall "waive the right to challenge on appeal the district court's order based on unobjected-to factual and legal conclusions" except upon grounds of plain error if necessary in the interests of justice. 11th Cir. R. 3-1; *see Resolution Trust Co. v. Hallmark Builders, Inc.*, 996 F.2d 1144, 1149 (11th Cir. 1993); *Henley v. Johnson*, 885 F.2d 790, 794 (11th Cir. 1989).

DONE, on this the 11th day of August, 2017.

/s/ Susan Russ Walker  
Susan Russ Walker  
United States Magistrate Judge